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ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN CONTINUES

Unemployment Slides Downward

Unemployment declined moderately in Texas over the past month, as the actual rate inched downward from 7.3 percent in July to 7.2 percent in August. Total unemployment decreased by just under 5,000 in August, to a level of 609,700. The number of Texans with jobs rose by almost 30,000 over the month, totaling 7,842,700 in mid-August. There were an estimated 219,700 agricultural workers in the State in August, according to the Current Population Survey.

Although the current unemployment rate was somewhat higher than the 6.7 percent recorded in August 1988, the increase was not large enough to be significant, as joblessness is quite volatile during the summer months. At most, the higher rate this year may signal a general slowing of the State's economy.

The seasonally adjusted rate for Texas rose slightly over the month, from 7.2 percent to 7.5 percent in August—also above the year-ago rate of 6.9 percent. The seasonally adjusted U. S. rate remained constant over the month, at 5.2 percent. The actual rate for the Nation was 5.1 percent in August, down slightly from 5.3 percent in July. National rates in both series were moderately below their year-ago levels.

Nonfarm Jobs Decline Moderately

For the second consecutive month, the count of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas dropped in August. Total **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** was estimated at 6,771,100 in mid-August, down 5,100 from the July level. Most of the over-the-month losses were seasonally oriented, but downturns were experienced in four of the major industry sectors in August.

The largest declines occurred in **Government**, where some 5,000 jobs were deleted as summer school ended in state and local schools and colleges. A small increase in Federal Government did little to offset these larger losses.

Seasonal factors also influenced employment in **Services**, which dropped by 2,000 in August. The most notable cutbacks were in the Other Services and Miscellaneous category. Within this industry group, the largest

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Aug.'89	July'89	Aug.'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	125,444.0	126,238.0	123,396.0
Unemployment	6,352.0	6,736.0	6,659.0
Percent Unemployed	5.1%	5.3%	5.4%
Total Employment	119,092.0	119,502.0	116,737.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,018.0	123,956.0	122,000.0
Unemployment	6,421.0	6,497.0	6,797.0
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	5.2%	5.6%
Total Employment	117,597.0	117,459.0	115,203.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,452.4	8,427.7	8,424.5
Unemployment	609.7	614.5	564.9
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	7.3%	6.7%
Total Employment	7,842.7	7,813.2	7,859.6
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,352.0	8,241.0	8,328.0
Unemployment	623.0	596.0	576.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5%	7.2%	6.9%
Total Employment	7,729.0	7,645.0	7,752.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**
TOTAL	48,700	48,400	48,700	76,100	76,300	76,800	345,100	346,000	343,700	134,900	134,400	131,800
Manufacturing	5,100	5,000	4,900	8,600	8,700	9,500	41,600	41,700	41,600	25,600	25,700	25,700
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,100	1,300	1,300	1,400	700	700	700	2,000	1,900	1,700
Construction	1,900	1,900	2,200	4,000	4,000	3,900	13,100	13,100	14,600	9,500	9,200	8,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,400	2,400	5,900	5,700	5,500	10,500	10,500	10,400	9,600	9,500	9,600
Trade	13,700	13,600	13,600	22,400	22,300	22,900	76,400	76,100	76,500	33,100	32,900	32,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400	4,000	4,100	4,300	23,800	23,900	24,400	5,100	5,100	5,300
Services & Misc.	12,700	12,600	12,700	17,500	17,500	17,000	86,400	86,600	84,200	30,800	30,800	29,600
Government	8,400	8,500	8,400	12,500	12,700	12,300	92,600	93,400	91,300	19,200	19,300	18,800

	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**
TOTAL	61,000	61,000	58,600	69,800	69,500	68,300	48,600	48,800	47,500	126,400	126,200	123,600
Manufacturing	16,200	16,300	15,600	10,000	10,000	10,200	3,600	3,600	3,300	11,400	11,400	11,600
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	—	—	600	600	600	4,100	4,200	4,200
Construction	7,600	7,400	6,800	2,100	2,200	2,100	1,800	1,700	1,900	9,600	9,600	8,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,900	2,700	3,100	3,000	3,300	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,600	6,400	6,700
Trade	11,400	11,300	11,200	18,300	18,300	18,100	10,600	10,400	10,800	32,300	32,200	31,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,700	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,000	7,000	6,800
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,700	8,100	16,500	16,400	15,900	9,300	9,400	8,700	28,700	28,600	28,300
Government	10,500	10,500	10,200	16,200	16,000	15,000	19,600	20,000	19,100	26,700	26,800	26,200

	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**
TOTAL	1,346.9	1,348.0	1,342.7	198,500	196,400	192,100	536,000	537,800	525,900	72,600	72,900	72,800
Manufacturing	221.1	222.4	223.4	42,600	41,500	41,400	121,500	121,200	120,900	8,500	8,500	8,100
Mining	17.3	17.3	18.9	—	—	—	3,800	3,900	3,700	500	500	600
Construction	51.5	52.1	56.2	8,600	8,600	9,400	23,300	22,900	22,800	4,800	4,900	4,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	95.6	95.4	92.2	11,100	11,200	10,900	31,700	32,000	30,300	4,700	4,700	4,700
Trade	350.2	349.3	347.4	48,900	48,600	45,900	139,700	139,000	136,700	14,700	14,600	14,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.7	127.1	130.0	8,500	8,500	8,800	27,200	27,100	26,800	4,100	4,200	4,300
Services & Misc.	340.7	340.2	331.1	39,500	39,000	39,000	125,100	125,700	120,400	14,800	15,000	14,600
Government	143.8	144.2	144.5	39,300	39,000	36,700	65,700	66,000	64,300	20,500	20,500	21,400

	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**
TOTAL	1,474.1	1,477.4	1,435.9	72,300	72,500	71,200	40,000	39,800	38,000	66,500	66,500	66,200
Manufacturing	159.0	159.3	154.9	8,600	8,700	8,400	1,800	1,800	1,900	15,800	15,700	16,100
Mining	66.1	66.1	66.6	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900	3,600	3,600	3,700
Construction	91.4	91.4	90.7	3,500	3,400	3,600	1,300	1,200	1,200	3,100	3,100	3,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	101.7	101.2	101.2	2,700	2,700	2,800	5,400	5,400	4,900	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	369.2	367.8	357.7	16,800	16,800	16,500	12,700	12,600	11,200	17,400	17,400	17,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.9	99.6	102.6	3,200	3,200	2,900	1,600	1,500	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,600
Services & Misc.	401.3	404.7	383.8	16,400	16,500	16,000	6,300	6,300	6,300	12,600	12,700	12,100
Government	185.5	187.3	178.4	21,000	21,100	20,900	9,100	9,200	8,900	8,200	8,200	7,900

	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**
TOTAL	94,700	94,500	93,000	93,500	93,600	90,800	43,400	43,200	44,200	41,600	41,600	42,700
Manufacturing	7,800	7,600	7,300	13,600	14,000	12,100	2,500	2,500	2,600	4,000	4,000	4,100
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	1,000	9,400	9,400	10,100	5,600	5,600	5,800
Construction	3,200	3,300	3,500	4,200	4,200	4,200	1,500	1,300	1,400	1,800	1,700	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,600	4,600	4,800	3,100	3,300	2,900	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	28,200	28,100	28,000	28,000	27,900	28,800	10,000	9,900	10,000	12,600	12,700	12,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,400	4,000	3,800	3,700	2,200	2,300	2,300	1,600	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,500	23,500	23,000	16,100	15,900	15,300	9,600	9,600	9,600	7,100	7,100	7,200
Government	21,400	21,400	20,600	23,600	23,600	22,800	6,000	6,000	5,900	6,800	6,800	6,900

	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**
TOTAL	35,400	35,900	35,800	500,800	503,700	494,800	36,700	36,700	37,700	45,600	45,500	43,900
Manufacturing	5,400	5,500	5,400	47,400	48,200	47,200	11,200	11,200	11,500	7,700	7,700	7,300
Mining	500	500	500	2,100	2,100	2,300	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,500	22,400	22,400	24,700	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,800	3,100	18,900	19,200	19,200	1,700	1,700	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	8,900	9,100	8,900	127,800	127,500	128,800	7,900	7,900	8,000	10,900	10,700	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,400	40,400	40,000	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,200	8,200	8,200	130,000	130,800	125,100	8,200	8,200	8,300	9,600	9,700	9,500
Government	6,700	6,800	6,400	111,800	113,100	107,500	4,100	4,100	4,200	11,800	11,800	11,200

	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**	AUG.'89*	JULY'89**	AUG.'88**
TOTAL	60,200	60,500	59,900	27,700	27,700	27,100	78,100	78,800	77,300	50,100	50,000	50,500
Manufacturing	10,400	10,500	10,500	3,000	3,100	3,100	15,400	15,400	14,600	8,100	8,100	8,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,200	1,200	1,700	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,600	1,500	1,600	3,300	3,400	3,800	2,000	2,100	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,300	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	16,100	16,100	16,100	7,800	7,700	7,400	18,800	18,900	18,800	12,100	12,100	11,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,400	3,400	1,500	1,600	1,600	4,800	4,800	4,900	2,400	2,300	2,400
Services & Misc.	14,700	14,700	14,600	6,100	6,000	5,700	20,700	20,900	20,500	11,900	11,800	11,900
Government	9,100	9,200	8,700	5,100	5,200	4,600	11,600	11,900	11,300	9,300	9,300	9,500

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decreases were reported among Civic, Social and Fraternal Associations, as summer recreational programs sponsored by these groups drew to a close. Also in this industry grouping, Legal Services dropped as clerical personnel hired for the summer left to return to school.

Amusements, including Motion Pictures, also recorded seasonal declines, as did Hotels and Other Lodging Places. A substantial upturn in Health Services, due primarily to increases among Nursing and Convalescent Homes, managed only to partially offset the more numerous cutbacks within other Service sectors in August.

Employment in **Wholesale and Retail Trade** decreased by only 300 jobs over the month, as small gains and losses basically offset one another. The largest upturn was in Food Stores, which increased by 800 jobs. General Merchandise Stores also gained jobs in August, with 500 accessions. These increases were nullified by a decline of 500 in Other Retail Trade, along with smaller losses in Eating and Drinking Places, Building Materials and Garden Supplies, and Automotive Dealers and Service Stations.

Within Nonmanufacturing, there were a few sectors which gained jobs in August. **Transportation and Public Utilities** increased by 1,800, with all major segments either advancing or remaining unchanged over the month. Transportation, except Railroads, showed the strongest growth, with the addition of 1,300 jobs. The two sectors which contributed most to this increase were Transportation by Air and Water Transportation. Communication gained 500 jobs, most of which were concentrated in Telephone Communication.

Employers in **Construction** added 1,000 jobs between July and August. This advance continued an upturn in Construction which began in March. Although some months have shown only modest increases, the industry has added over 15,000 jobs since February 1989. Despite this expansion, however, current employment is still almost 19,000 below the year-ago level. **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate** managed only a marginal gain over the month, as Banking and Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers each added 100 jobs.

Manufacturing registered a downturn in August for the second consecutive month, losing 1,300 jobs. While the month-to-month decline was not large, the overall trend is not encouraging. Last year, Manufacturing had gained over 20,000 jobs between January and August. This year, less than 7,000 jobs have been created during that same period. Manufacturing growth has definitely slowed in 1989, and **Durable Goods**, the sector which generated two-thirds of the growth last year, is now only 600 jobs above its year-ago level (see **Chart** below).

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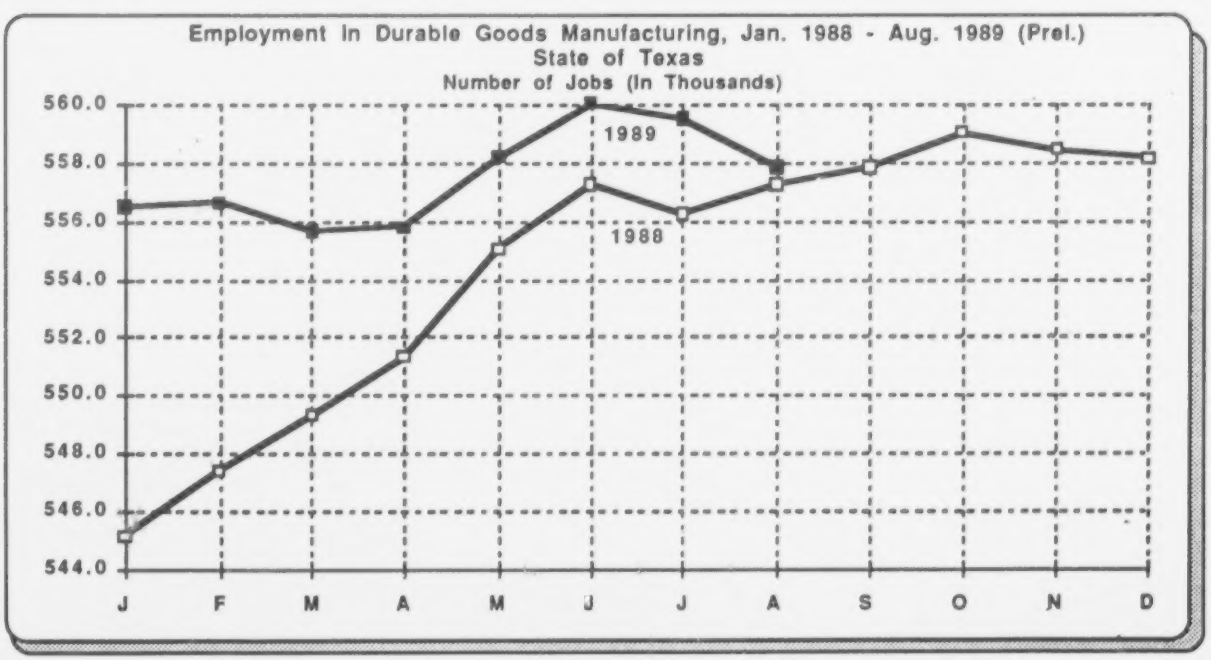

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Aug.'89*	July'89**	Aug.'88**	Chg. from July'89	Chg. from Aug.'88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,771,100**	**6,776,200**	**6,643,100**	**-5,100**	**128,000**
MANUFACTURING	**970,900**	**972,200**	**963,700**	**-1,300**	**7,200**
Durable Goods	**557,800**	**559,500**	**557,200**	**-1,700**	**600**
Lumber & Wood Products	32,100	32,300	34,800	-200	-2,700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,800	6,800	7,200	0	-400
Furniture & Fixtures	16,000	15,800	16,100	200	-100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,700	41,800	42,300	-100	-600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,200	17,300	17,600	-100	-400
Primary Metal Industries	28,800	28,600	28,700	200	100
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,900	78,800	76,400	-900	1,500
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	37,000	37,300	35,900	-300	1,100
Machinery, exc. Electrical	106,200	106,800	105,200	-600	1,000
Oil Field Machinery	24,500	24,300	25,700	200	-1,200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,900	117,400	117,700	-500	-800
Transportation Equipment	98,500	98,400	97,400	100	1,100
Aircraft & Parts	57,100	56,700	56,100	400	1,000
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,900	24,900	24,100	0	800
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,800	14,700	14,500	100	300
Nondurable Goods	**413,100**	**412,700**	**406,500**	**400**	**6,600**
Food & Kindred Products	97,600	96,800	97,100	800	500
Meat Products	29,400	29,400	28,600	0	800
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,700	0	-200
Bakery Products	9,700	9,600	9,800	100	-100
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	58,800	58,900	56,900	-100	1,900
Paper & Allied Products	25,600	25,700	24,800	-100	800
Printing & Publishing	75,400	75,800	75,500	-400	-100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,700	35,900	36,200	-200	-500
Chemicals & Allied Products	79,500	79,700	77,400	-200	2,100
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,400	28,400	29,400	0	-1,000
Petroleum Refining	25,400	25,400	26,000	0	-600
Leather & Leather Products	8,100	8,000	8,200	100	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	35,800	35,500	33,400	300	2,400
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,800,200**	**5,804,000**	**5,679,400**	**-3,800**	**120,800**
Mining	**177,400**	**177,100**	**186,100**	**300**	**-8,700**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,000	9,000	9,700	0	-700
Oil & Gas Extraction	168,400	168,100	176,400	300	-8,000
Construction	**317,500**	**316,500**	**336,100**	**1,000**	**-18,600**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**403,900**	**402,100**	**395,000**	**1,800**	**8,900**
Railroad Transportation	19,100	19,100	20,500	0	-1,400
Transportation, exc. Railroads	226,900	225,600	216,000	1,300	10,900
Transportation by Air	70,100	69,600	65,700	500	4,400
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	81,400	80,900	81,800	500	-400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,500	76,500	76,700	0	-200
Electric Services	41,000	41,200	41,200	-200	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	27,500	27,400	27,800	100	-300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,669,000**	**1,669,300**	**1,663,600**	**-300**	**5,400**
Wholesale Trade	418,600	418,900	412,300	-300	6,300
Retail Trade	1,250,400	1,250,400	1,251,300	0	-900
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,700	44,000	43,700	-300	0
General Merchandise Stores	171,900	171,400	164,900	500	7,000
Food Stores	216,900	216,100	223,100	800	-6,200
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,500	133,700	138,600	-200	-5,100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	84,100	84,100	84,300	0	-200
Eating & Drinking Places	419,800	420,100	417,500	-300	2,300
Other Retail Trade	180,500	181,000	179,200	-500	1,300
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**442,000**	**441,800**	**442,600**	**200**	**-600**
Banking	97,600	97,500	94,800	100	2,800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,800	144,700	141,500	100	3,300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	199,600	199,600	206,300	0	-6,700
Services	**1,607,500**	**1,609,500**	**1,534,100**	**-2,000**	**73,400**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,600	85,000	82,900	-400	1,700
Personal Services	84,700	84,900	85,300	-200	-600
Business & Repair Services	459,900	459,300	429,900	600	30,000
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	63,700	64,400	60,500	-700	3,200
Health Services	441,900	440,900	424,200	1,000	17,700
Educational Services	67,400	67,400	68,400	0	-1,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	405,300	407,600	382,900	-2,300	22,400
Total Government	**1,182,900**	**1,187,700**	**1,121,900**	**-4,800**	**61,000**
Federal Government	199,700	199,300	195,500	400	4,200
State Government	246,700	247,800	229,900	-1,100	16,800
Local Government	736,500	740,600	696,500	-4,100	40,000

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,700	53,500	53,700	99,900	99,500	101,200	421,100	421,300	426,100
Total Unemployment	3,800	3,800	3,000	5,800	5,900	5,500	25,300	26,400	24,600
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	7.1%	5.6%	5.8%	5.9%	5.4%	6.0%	6.3%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	49,900	49,700	50,700	94,100	93,600	95,700	395,800	394,900	401,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	165,900	165,700	164,800	86,000	85,300	83,800	104,000	102,100	100,900
Total Unemployment	15,300	16,300	15,500	6,400	6,600	6,200	13,700	13,200	12,500
Percent Unemployed	9.2%	9.8%	9.4%	7.4%	7.7%	7.4%	13.2%	12.9%	12.4%
Total Employment ++	150,600	149,400	149,300	79,600	78,700	77,600	90,300	88,900	88,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,000	59,200	58,000	160,600	159,700	159,500	1,473.2	1,466.6	1,484.6
Total Unemployment	2,900	3,000	2,400	14,200	14,300	13,700	89.3	87.4	80.2
Percent Unemployed	4.9%	5.1%	4.1%	8.8%	9.0%	8.6%	6.1%	6.0%	5.4%
Total Employment ++	56,100	56,200	55,600	146,400	145,400	145,800	1,383.9	1,379.2	1,404.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	249,900	247,400	243,700	708,600	700,600	699,200	109,300	109,900	112,100
Total Unemployment	26,600	27,400	24,300	46,100	42,700	40,500	8,300	8,800	9,100
Percent Unemployed	10.6%	11.1%	10.0%	6.5%	6.1%	5.8%	7.6%	8.0%	8.1%
Total Employment ++	223,300	220,000	219,400	662,500	657,900	658,700	101,000	101,100	103,000
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,681.8	1,679.4	1,654.5	98,400	98,600	97,500	49,600	49,500	47,200
Total Unemployment	108.3	109.9	103.1	7,500	7,800	7,100	5,600	6,000	5,200
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.5%	6.2%	7.6%	7.9%	7.3%	11.3%	12.1%	11.0%
Total Employment ++	1,573.5	1,569.5	1,551.4	90,900	90,800	90,400	44,000	43,500	42,000
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,400	81,300	81,200	116,300	116,700	116,000	152,300	150,900	146,600
Total Unemployment	7,200	7,500	6,200	6,500	7,300	6,000	26,900	25,300	23,100
Percent Unemployed	8.8%	9.2%	7.6%	5.6%	6.3%	5.2%	17.7%	16.8%	15.8%
Total Employment ++	74,200	73,800	75,000	109,800	109,400	110,000	125,400	125,600	123,500
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,600	49,600	50,200	52,700	52,300	53,700	44,800	45,100	45,700
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,500	2,600	4,900	4,900	3,800	2,700	2,700	2,600
Percent Unemployed	6.7%	7.1%	5.2%	9.3%	9.4%	7.1%	6.0%	6.0%	5.7%
Total Employment ++	46,300	46,100	47,600	47,800	47,400	49,900	42,100	42,400	43,100
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	613,600	615,000	614,000	48,000	48,000	49,900	58,400	58,700	57,400
Total Unemployment	48,800	49,700	46,400	2,800	3,000	2,900	4,100	4,500	4,600
Percent Unemployed	8.0%	8.1%	7.6%	5.8%	6.3%	5.8%	7.0%	7.7%	8.0%
Total Employment ++	564,800	565,300	567,600	45,200	45,000	47,000	54,300	54,200	52,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,900	76,000	75,800	37,100	36,700	36,900	93,600	93,000	93,100
Total Unemployment	5,700	5,900	5,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	6,400	5,800	6,100
Percent Unemployed	7.5%	7.8%	7.1%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.8%	6.2%	6.6%
Total Employment ++	70,200	70,100	70,400	34,700	34,300	34,500	87,200	87,200	87,000
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,700	57,500	57,900				8,452.4	8,427.7	8,424.5
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,800	3,100				609.7	614.5	564.9
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.6%	5.4%				7.2%	7.3%	6.7%
Total Employment ++	54,000	53,700	54,800				7,842.7	7,813.2	7,859.6

✣ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG.'89*	JULY'89	AUG.'88	AUG.'89*	JULY'89	AUG.'88	AUG.'89*	JULY'89	AUG.88
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 419.63	$ 423.74	$ 414.50	41.1	41.3	41.7	$ 10.21	$10.26	$9.94
Durable Goods	418.37	417.96	414.96	41.3	41.3	42.0	10.13	10.12	9.88
Lumber & Wood Products	284.31	280.67	291.31	40.5	40.5	40.8	7.02	6.93	7.14
Furniture & Fixtures	262.68	259.08	275.63	38.8	38.1	41.2	6.77	6.80	6.69
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	397.80	404.27	400.10	42.5	42.6	42.7	9.36	9.49	9.37
Primary Metal Industries	464.45	463.86	442.26	42.3	42.4	42.2	10.98	10.94	10.48
Fabricated Metal Products	385.71	385.35	388.80	42.2	42.3	43.2	9.14	9.11	9.00
Machinery, exc. Electric	414.88	413.41	433.13	41.2	41.3	43.4	10.07	10.01	9.98
Oil Field Machinery	491.00	494.80	496.75	43.1	44.1	45.2	11.16	11.22	10.99
Electric & Electronic Equip.	450.60	455.54	439.70	39.7	40.1	40.6	11.35	11.36	10.83
Transportation Equipment	555.02	553.98	538.90	42.4	42.0	42.4	13.09	13.19	12.71
Instruments & Related Prod.	393.38	391.31	382.40	40.1	40.3	40.0	9.81	9.71	9.56
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	288.56	288.29	263.71	39.1	39.6	37.3	7.38	7.28	7.07
Nondurable Goods	422.30	431.39	414.83	41.0	41.4	41.4	10.30	10.42	10.02
Food & Kindred Products	349.87	352.38	347.19	41.8	42.1	42.6	8.37	8.37	8.15
Meat Products	273.61	270.22	262.50	41.9	41.7	41.8	6.53	6.48	6.28
Malt Beverages	828.74	850.64	781.45	44.7	44.7	44.1	18.54	19.03	17.72
Textile Mill Products	349.44	330.24	331.38	43.9	43.0	44.6	7.96	7.68	7.43
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	197.78	199.18	199.40	36.9	37.3	38.2	5.36	5.34	5.22
Paper & Allied Products	485.14	493.89	471.09	43.2	43.4	43.7	11.23	11.38	10.78
Printing & Publishing	395.14	402.36	393.28	38.4	38.8	38.9	10.29	10.37	10.11
Chemicals & Allied Products	681.84	710.57	648.19	43.1	44.3	41.9	15.82	16.04	15.47
Petroleum & Coal Products	693.24	735.07	691.08	43.6	45.6	44.3	15.90	16.12	15.60
Petroleum Refining	719.49	763.34	715.88	43.5	45.6	44.0	16.54	16.74	16.27
Leather & Leather Products	240.77	237.84	231.08	39.6	38.3	39.1	6.08	6.21	5.91
Other Nondurable Goods	396.18	388.03	401.82	42.6	41.5	43.3	9.30	9.35	9.28
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	510.23	526.68	484.31	39.4	39.9	38.9	12.95	13.20	12.45
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	568.57	566.43	541.49	47.9	47.4	46.4	11.87	11.95	11.67
Oil & Gas Extraction	507.26	524.02	480.38	38.9	39.4	38.4	13.04	13.30	12.51
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	522.40	530.64	496.96	40.0	40.6	39.1	13.06	13.07	12.71
Elec., Gas & San. Services	517.30	516.78	462.81	40.7	40.5	38.6	12.71	12.76	11.99
Wholesale & Retail Trade	236.88	241.09	230.91	32.9	33.3	32.8	7.20	7.24	7.04
Wholesale Trade	413.70	420.80	393.67	39.4	40.0	38.9	10.50	10.52	10.12
Retail Trade	183.83	186.86	181.97	31.0	31.3	31.0	5.93	5.97	5.87
General Merchandise Stores	184.22	186.64	177.89	30.2	30.9	30.1	6.10	6.04	5.91
Banking	270.84	293.72	260.63	37.0	39.8	35.9	7.32	7.38	7.26

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 428.40	$ 422.50	$ 414.24	42.0	41.3	41.8	$ 10.20	$ 10.23	9.91
Durable Goods	462.46	452.10	432.02	42.9	41.9	41.5	10.78	10.79	10.41
Nondurable Goods	371.68	375.72	384.51	40.4	40.4	42.3	9.20	9.30	9.09
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	441.45	445.79	440.91	40.5	40.6	41.4	10.90	10.98	10.65
Durable Goods	462.18	466.83	458.85	40.4	40.7	41.6	11.44	11.47	11.03
Nondurable Goods	394.28	395.75	396.58	40.9	40.3	40.8	9.64	9.82	9.72
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	518.52	520.65	498.78	43.5	43.9	43.6	11.92	11.86	11.44
Durable Goods	435.49	428.12	431.21	43.9	44.0	44.5	9.92	9.73	9.69
Nondurable Goods	620.06	631.90	580.03	43.0	43.7	42.4	14.42	14.46	13.68
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	303.11	301.20	298.75	40.2	40.0	40.1	7.54	7.53	7.45
Durable Goods	340.29	325.44	321.93	40.9	39.4	39.5	8.32	8.26	8.15
Nondurable Goods	270.86	279.45	279.20	39.6	40.5	40.7	6.84	6.90	6.86

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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In 1988, three Durable Goods sectors generated the bulk of the growth—Fabricated Metal Products, Nonelectrical Machinery, and Transportation Equipment. Thus far in 1989, none of these industries has recorded notable increases. Durable Goods has created only 1,300 jobs between January and August 1989.

In fact, this year those gains which have occurred in Manufacturing have been centered in the **Nondurable Goods** sector, which has expanded by over 5,000 jobs between January and August 1989. Three industry groups have provided most of this growth—Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products, Chemicals and Allied Products, and Other Nondurable Goods.

Between July and August 1989, however, neither sector of Manufacturing has performed well, as Durable Goods continued to lose jobs and Nondurable Goods registered a gain of only 400. In the Durable Goods category, 1,700 jobs were deleted over the month, leaving this sector up by only 600 over the year. The largest decline occurred in Fabricated Metal Industries, which declined by 900 due to fairly widespread staff reductions. Smaller losses were recorded in Nonelectrical Machinery and in Electric and Electronic Equipment.

The only upturns within Durable Goods were in Furniture and Fixtures, Primary Metal Industries, and Transportation Equipment; and all of these were modest increases.

The growth in Nondurable Goods was primarily due to the gain of 800 jobs in Food and Kindred Products, as workers were hired or recalled in most sectors. Partially nullifying that increase were smaller losses in Printing and Publishing and in Chemicals and Allied Products.

Hours and Earnings Dip Over Month

Both Average Weekly Hours and Average Hourly Earnings declined moderately between July and August for the estimated 630,200 Manufacturing Production Workers in Texas. The number of Production Workers rose by 700 over the month and was up 8,800 over the year.

In mid-August, the average worker was earning $10.21 an hour for a 41.1-hour work week. Average Weekly Earnings for August were $419.63, down $4.11 from July. Average Weekly Hours declined by 0.2 hour over the month, while Average Hourly Earnings dropped by 5¢.

Compared to a year ago, Average Weekly Hours had declined by 0.6 hour, but Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 27¢, pushing Average Weekly Earnings up by $5.13 between August 1988 and August 1989.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	AUG. '89	AUG. '88
Total Population	16,906,000*	16,846,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.6
UI Covered Employers	308,789	311,425
Total Claims Actions	570,492	547,055
Total Initial Claims Actions	62,551	61,515
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	507,941	485,540
Total Placements	38,615	38,784
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$153.54	$150.76
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$63,357,573	$64,005,905

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